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June 22, 1973

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2 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Donahue

Dear Mr. Hoch:

Pursuant to a request from the Department of Justice, I am replying to your letter of June 2, 1973, to Mr. Joseph T. Sneed, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

If you wish an appointment to discuss the status of the appeal you have filed with the Attorney General regarding denial of access to all preassassination FBI files on Lee Harvey Oswald, you should direct your request to the Attorney General, Attention: Office of Legal Counsel, Washington, D. C. 20530.

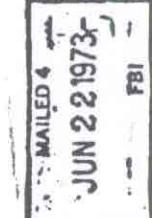
Your letter states that there is evidence that some of the Special Agents, whose affidavits appear in Warren Commission Exhibit 825, submitted earlier affidavits on the same subject to FBI Headquarters to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an informant for the FBI. You asked for copies of any such affidavits and of any affidavit by Special Agent Warren C. De Bueys.

I regret to inform you that the information you request is contained in an investigatory file compiled for law enforcement purposes and as such is exempt from public disclosure under the provisions of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(b) (7).

You may appeal my decision in this matter within thirty days of the receipt of this letter by writing to the Attorney General, Attention: Office of Legal Counsel, Washington, D. C. 20530.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enc.)
1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI Replies)

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Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Coffield _____
Mr. Jenkins _____
Mr. Marshall _____
Mr. Miller, E.A. _____
Mr. Boyers _____
Mr. Thompson _____
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Additionally, judicial review is thereafter available either in the district in which you reside or have a place of business or in the District of Columbia, the location of the records to which you seek access.

Your communication also requested a copy of any instructions issued by FBI Headquarters to the Dallas and New Orleans Field Offices relative to the preparation of any affidavits earlier than those contained in Warren Commission Exhibit 825. For your information, there were no such written instructions.

Sincerely yours,
William D. Ruckelshaus

William D. Ruckelshaus
Acting Director

NOTE: Based on Freedom of Information request for access to any affidavits prior to those in Warren Commission Exhibit 825 from those Agents on the subject of whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant. The file copy of the cover letter for these affidavits, itself a part of the above-cited Exhibit, is filed at 105-82555-1914 (Vol. 66). That letter makes reference to a letter from the Director to the President's Commission dated 2-6-64 wherein the Director stated categorically that Oswald was never an informant of the FBI. The 2-6-64 letter is filed at 105-82555-1999 along with a copy of the affidavit given by the Director on this subject. On page 2 of the affidavit, the Director stated that FBI Headquarters had obtained affidavits from every Special Agent who was in contact with Oswald as well as their respective SACs, and that these affidavits showed that none of these FBI Agents developed Oswald as an informant.

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NOTE (continued)

Five of the Agents who executed affidavits did prepare earlier sworn statements and/or affidavits which were unacceptable because of form, language, or lack of notarization. None of the changes made in the final form affected the substance of the affidavits. None of the earlier versions were returned for corrections to the field offices involved. New affidavits were furnished instead. In each instance instructions from the Bureau were by telephone inasmuch as the Director had indicated to the Warren Commission on 2-6-64 that such affidavits had been secured.

Correct spelling of SA De Brueys verified through
Movement Unit, Administrative Division.